

TOWN WARRANT

To Jim German, Citizen of the Town of New Sharon in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn voters of the Town of New Sharon, in the said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in Cape Cod Hill School in said Town on Saturday, March 7, 2015 AD, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for Salaries for Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Request, \$58,000

Selectmen recommend:

Selectmen	1st	\$7,000
	2nd.....	7,000
	3rd	7,000
Town Clerk		9,600
Treasurer		8,600
Deputy Tax Collector.....		3,000
Deputy Treasurer		3,500
Tax Collector		<u>12,300</u>
Total		\$58,000
Amount to be raised from taxation		\$58,000

Article 4 To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise the current combined salary for the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector to \$25,000.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise the current salary for the position of Town Treasurer to \$9,800.

Article 7 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of Administrative Expenses for the ensuing year.

Request, \$45,000

Selectmen recommend:

Supplies.....	\$4,500
Postage	4,500
Tax lien costs and interest.....	6,000
Tax & Accounts Receivable Software	5,500
Audit	4,600
Election Expenses	1,000
Printing (Town Report).....	1,500
Town Meeting Expenses.....	1,000
Tax Map Expenses.....	1,000
Training.....	2,000
Dues, manuals	4,000

Services.....	1,000
Legal Fees	7,500
Miscellaneous..	<u>900</u>
Total to be raised from taxation	\$45,000

Article 8 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for Code Enforcement.

Selectmen recommend: \$8,500.00 to be raised from taxation.
Request, \$8,500

Article 9 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the Town Office.

Request, \$21,000
Selectmen recommend:

Heating oil.....	\$11,800.00
Electricity	2,000.00
Water.....	600.00
Mowing.....	1,000.00
Contracted Services / Inspections	2,000.00
Cleaning	1,100.00
Scheduled Maintenance.	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total to be raised from taxation	\$21,000.00

Article 10 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to clear the Rt. 2 sidewalk.

Request, \$1,500
Labor, gas, and supplies \$1,500
Selectmen recommend: \$1,500 to be raised from taxation.

Article 11 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Request, \$7,000
Selectmen recommend: \$7,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 12 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for construction and maintenance of roads for the ensuing year.

Request,..... \$385,500.00
Selectmen recommend:

Paving:

From 2015 Local Road Assistance (received) .	\$43,188.00
Paving amount to be raised	<u>\$51,812.00</u>
Total Paving\$ 95,000.00

Road Maintenance:

Carried From 2014 Snow Removal	\$ 2,991.87
Road Maintenance (Summer Roads)	
amount to be raised	<u>\$ 82,008.13</u>
Total\$ 85,000.00

Salt & Sand Bldg. & Stockpile:

Carried From 2014 Salt & Sand Building.....	\$ 2,449.29
Salt, Sand Bldg. & Stockpile, amt. to be raised	<u>56,550.71</u>
Total\$ 59,000.00

Snow Removal Contracts amount to be raised	\$ 146,500.00
Total	\$ 385,500.00
Less Carried from 2014.....	\$ 6,059.29
Less 2015 Local Road Assistance.....	\$ 43,188.00
Amount to be raised from taxation	\$ 336,252.71

Article 13 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for additional maintenance of roads for the ensuing year.

Request, \$40,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot on referendum questions pursuant to §2528(5) and the provisions governing the use thereof in §2528(4).

(Statement of Fact: If this Article is adopted, then beginning at the next annual town meeting, and continuing thereafter, the Town may by secret ballot vote on referendum questions submitted to a vote by the Selectmen or by citizens' petitions.)

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of nomination papers for the nomination of those town officials required by §2525 to be elected by ballot, and those other officials, if any, the Town votes to elect by secret ballot, all pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §2527.

(Statement of Fact: If this Article is adopted, then beginning with the next annual town meeting and continuing with any municipal election held thereafter, nominations of those running for the offices of Selectmen and RSU9 representative, and of any other official(s) the Town designates for election by secret ballot, will be required to submit nomination papers at least 45 days prior to the election, as provided in §2528(4).)

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot for the election of those town officials required by §2525 to be elected by ballot.

(Statement of Fact: If Article 15 is defeated, this Article 16 must be passed over. If the Town adopts Article 15 and this Article 16, then beginning with the next annual town meeting municipal election of Selectmen and RSU9 representative, and continuing with any municipal election thereafter, those officials will be elected by secret ballot voting as provided in §2528.)

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot for the election of its Tax Collector, pursuant to §2528.

(Statement of Fact: If Article 15 is defeated, this Article 18 must be passed over. If the Town adopts Article 15 and this Article 17, then beginning with the next annual town meeting municipal election of Tax Collector, and continuing with any municipal election of the Tax Collector thereafter, that official will be elected by secret ballot voting as provided in §2528.)

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot for the election of its Treasurer, pursuant to §2528.

(Statement of Fact: If Article 15 is defeated, this Article 19 must be passed over. If the Town adopts Article 15 and this Article 18, then beginning with the next annual town meeting municipal election of Treasurer, and continuing with any municipal election of the Treasurer thereafter, that official will be elected by secret ballot voting as provided in §2528.)

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot for the election of its Town Clerk, pursuant to §2528.

(Statement of Fact: If Article 15 is defeated, this Article 20 must be passed over. If the Town adopts Article 15 and this Article 19, then beginning with the next annual town meeting municipal election of

Town Clerk, and continuing with any municipal election of the Town Clerk thereafter, that official will be elected by secret ballot voting as provided in §2528.)

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of voting by secret ballot for the election of its Road Commissioner, pursuant to §2528.

(Statement of Fact: If Article 15 is defeated, this Article 20 must be passed over. If the Town adopts Article 15 and this Article 20, then beginning with the next annual town meeting municipal election of Road Commissioner, and continuing with any municipal election of the Road Commissioner thereafter, that official will be elected by secret ballot voting as provided in §2528.)

Article 21 Shall an ordinance entitled “Minimum Lot Size Ordinance” be enacted?

(Copies of the proposed ordinance are printed and available at the Town Meeting or from the office of the Town Clerk for review.)

Article 22 Shall an ordinance entitled “Recall of Elected Officials Ordinance” be enacted?

(Copies of the proposed ordinance are printed and available at the Town Meeting or from the office of the Town Clerk for review.)

Article 23 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care and maintenance of cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Request, \$7,000

Selectmen recommend: \$7,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 24 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal for the ensuing year.

Request, \$92,000

Selectmen recommend: \$92,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 25 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Subsidy.

Selectmen recommend:

Request, \$18,712.00 for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Amount to be raised from taxation\$18,712.00

Article 26 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Request, \$37,000

Selectmen recommend: \$37,000

Operating Budget

Cell Phone/Internet	900
Heat.....	4,400
Vehicle Fuel.....	2,800
Fire Prevention Education.....	250
Emergency Medical Supplies	2,000
New Equipment (Fire)	4,000
Radio Equipment	3,500
Building Electricity.....	1,300
Water District.....	1,850
Building Maintenance.....	1,500
Training/Employee Cost.....	4,000
Vehicle/Equipment Repair.....	6,000
Service Contracts	2,000
Computer/Office Supplies	1,000
Dues	1,500

Total to be raised from taxation\$37,000

Article 27 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Fund.

Request, \$10,000

Selectmen recommend: \$10,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 28 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Station Reserve Fund.

Request, \$10,000

Selectmen recommend: \$10,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 29 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Fighter protective gear purchase.

Request, \$10,000

Selectmen recommend: \$10,000 to be raised from taxation.

(For more information please see the Fire Chief's report.)

Article 30 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Firefighter's Recognition Fund.

Request, \$3,400

Selectmen recommend: \$3,400 to be raised from taxation.

Article 31 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the New Sharon Historical Society.

Request, \$1,800

Selectmen recommend: \$1,800 to be raised from taxation

Article 32 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Request, \$5,000

Selectmen recommend: \$5,000 to be raised from taxation

Article 33 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Ditzler Library for the ensuing year.

Request, \$17,900

Selectmen recommend: \$17,900

Wages..... \$ 7,730

Summer program 300

Cleaning 1,040

Utilities:

Lights 760

Phone..... 682

Water..... 306

Heat..... 2073

Dues & fees..... 250

Office & Computer Supplies..... 545

Computer fund 250

New book acquisitions 1,500

DVD's 200

Mowing..... 600

Balsam Consortium (Annual Card Catalogue Fee).....	400
Building upkeep	<u>900</u>
Total to be raised from taxation.	\$17,900

Article 34 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection (formerly Fire Hydrant Rental) for the ensuing year.

Request, \$18,500
Selectmen recommend: \$18,500 to be raised from taxation.

Article 35 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the New Sharon Recreation Committee.

Request, \$7,000.
Field maintenance and improvements 2,500
Equipment, supplies, and fees..... 2,500
Support for Town and other celebrations..... 2,000
Total\$7,000
Selectmen recommend: \$7,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 36 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance and Worker's Compensation.

Request, \$18,000
Selectmen recommend: \$18,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 37 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control.

Request, \$6,200
Selectmen recommend: \$6,200 to be raised from taxation.
2014 Dog Tax receipts carry over..... 1,463.40
2015 Dog Tax receipts to be appropriated 1,000.00
Amount to be raised from taxation 3,736.60
Total\$6,200

Article 38 Shall the Town authorize a discount for taxes paid in full within 30 days after tax bills are dated?

Selectmen recommend a 5% discount.

Article 39 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Discounts and Abatements for the ensuing year.

Request, \$54,000
Selectmen recommend: \$54,000 to be raised from taxation.
Discounts..... 52,000
Abatements 2,000
Total \$54,000

Article 40 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security for the ensuing year.

Request, \$8,000
Selectmen recommend: \$8,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 41 Shall the Town transfer the money received from the State for Snowmobile registrations to the New Sharon Snow Riders Snowmobile Club?

Article 42 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote for the support of the New Sharon Snow Riders trail system.

Request \$2,500 to be raised from taxation.

Article 43 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Safe Voices (Formerly Abused Women's Advocacy Project)

Request, \$1,000 to be raised from taxation.

Article 44 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Channel 10 Public Television.

Request, \$100 to be raised from taxation.

Article 45 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Request, \$1,500 to be raised from taxation.

Article 46 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Healthy Community Coalition.

Request, \$350 to be raised from taxation.

Article 47 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Work First (formerly Sandy River Rehabilitation Center).

Request, \$700 to be raised from taxation.

Article 48 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Literacy Volunteers.

Request, \$100 to be raised from taxation.

Article 49 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property.

Article 50 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to reduce taxes.

Selectmen recommend: \$70,000 to be appropriated from surplus to reduce taxes.

Article 51 Shall the Town set the date of November 30th, after which interest shall be charged at the rate of 0.58% per month, or part thereof, on taxes unpaid after that date; and that the Tax Collector shall settle with the Treasurer within one year of commitment?

Article 52 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property?

Article 53 Shall the Town use the Excise Tax money to help off-set the cost of capital improvements and maintenance of roads?

Article 54 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to negotiate temporary loans, said loans to be repaid during the 2015 fiscal year?

Article 55 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the amount in the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 to the 2016 annual Town Meeting?

Article 56 Shall the Town permanently increase the property tax levy limit of \$448,277, established for the Town of New Sharon by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget, approved under the preceding articles, will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit?
(If the municipal budget is adopted by Town Meeting, then the levy limit may be exceeded by the same process that applies to adoption of the municipal budget, except that the vote must be by written ballot on a separate article that specifically identifies the intent to exceed the property tax levy limit.)

Article 57 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance?

Article 58 Shall the Town accept prepayment of taxes prior to the commitment and to pay no interest thereon?

Article 59 To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of any and all assets of the New Sharon Historical Society, including all tangible and intangible personal property thereof, for the purpose of holding and maintaining, and managing those assets in trust for the citizens of the Town.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be at the above named school at 8 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not and have you then and there this Warrant with you doing thereon.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

Maynard Webster
Board of Selectmen
Town of New Sharon

Forrest Bonney

Lorna Nichols